



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

June-July 2009

THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

HELP - HELP - HELP

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CHAIRMANS CORNER

What is success? How do we measure it? Should we measure it? Doesn't our existence prove we are successful? We are confronted by these questions on a regular or irregular basis. If we at the FCA measure our success by the number of members who have participated in this organization we would conclude we are successful. If we measure it by the number of volunteers who regularly work on committees, newsletter, grounds maintenance, office management, building maintenance, pasty making, etc. we are successful. If we measure it by the appearance of our grounds and physical plant we are successful. What is the problem? Then there is that gut wrenching, mind boggling statistic. What is our income vs. expense.

In the first quarter of 2009 our expenses exceeded income by \$17,000.00. At the end of that period our liquid assets totaled \$86,000.00. Do the math.

SISU people SISU. We are working on it, everyone is working on it.

For the month of March 2009 our income exceeded our expenses by a small amount, \$800.00. Perhaps not an occasion for expression of euphoria, however, we are seeing a significant increase in rentals. Four weddings booked so far this year compared to one last year. Four graduation parties for June, none last year. Other rentals are relatively strong. Our social and cultural events appear to be stable or slightly higher.

The year 2009 is a pivotal year in determining how we are going to do financially. I detect a glimmer of hope and expressions of optimism as I speak with members. I pray they will be fulfilled.

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and expressions of concern over my latest problem of vision loss. It has been diagnosed as temporal arteritis and is being treated with medication. My vision is back and I am feeling fine.

Norbert C. Leppanen Chairman

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2 pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1:00 pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 10-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

MAY

- 1 Pasty Preparation
- 2 Pasty Sale
Finnish Language 10 am - noon
- 3 Scholarship Reception 2-4 pm
- 9 Finnish Language 10 am - noon
Rental 4 pm - 7 pm
- 10 Mother's Day Brunch noon -
1:30 pm
- 13 Dane Bros. Dinner 6:30 pm
- 14 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 16 Finish Language 10 am - noon
- 17 Finnish Film 5 pm - 8 pm
- 20 101st Luncheon 11 am
- 24 Open House 1 pm - 4 pm
- 27 Dane Bros. Meeting 6:30 pm

JUNE

- 5 Spaghetti Fry 5 - 8 pm
Novi Band Concert 7 pin
- 6 Cultural Heritage Day 7
- 7 Rental
- 10 Dane Bros. Dinner 6:30 pm
- 11 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Rental
- 14 Rental

- 17 1st 'Luncheon 11 am
- 19 Juhannus Celebration 5 - 8 pm
- 20 Rental
- 27 Rental
- 28 28 Open House Garden Club
1 pm - 4 pin



Scholarship award recipients

STEVE LEHTO PRESENTS: Michigan's Columbus, The Life of Douglass Houghton

Not only Yoopers but all Michigianians will want to attend Steve Lehto's slide presentation and discussion about Douglass Houghton, whom he calls "Michigan's Columbus" in his newly-published book. Many of you may remember his previous book, *Death's Door*, about the Italian Hall fire. The program will take place on Saturday, June 13, at 2:00 PM. It is co-hosted by the FCA Cultural Committee, the Finnish American Historical Society, and the newly-organized Finnish American Cultural Corporation. Admission is \$5, and light refreshments will be served. In the meantime, the book is available in the FCA Gift Shop.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

In last month's newsletter, I gave you a recap of some Juhannus Celebrations that I experienced many years ago in the Finger Lakes area of New York State. Oh yes, the Finns in that area celebrated Juhannus Paiva in a big way and that tradition still goes on today. Well this year, you can turn the car steering wheel and motor up Finn Drive, to the Finnish Center and experience some of the same traditions. Juhannus Celebrations have long been a tradition in Finland to celebrate the longest day of daylight known as Midsummer's night. With the weather permitting, we plan to have a bonfire (or a kokko in Finnish) right here in Farmington Hills. After writing up last months' article for the newsletter I went over to the City Hall of Farmington Hills and requested a permit to have a bonfire (kokko). I am happy to report, my request was granted and the permit arrived 10 days later.

What has developed here is a better understanding, of what a Finnish kokko is. My application was submitted to the Fire Marshall for a Finnish kokko (bonfire). So now we have at least a few more people familiar with a kokko and this long time Finnish tradition.

The Juhannus Celebration is a family event where parents and children can do things together and share the experience. A Maypole will be set up for families to participate in twisting up the colored ribbons around the pole. Join in on the singing of old familiar songs. Then, when the darkness arrives, the kokko will be light up the night.

Here is an opportunity to learn more about Finnish heritage. Come and enjoy the food, the music, and join in on the ole fashion Sing-a-Long. As they say, there is nothing like holding hands in the moonlight and watching the flames and the red glowing embers from your kokko.

Wishing you the best of summer,
Frank Gottberg

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

We baked two times in April, first for the Flea market where we held a very successful Bake Sale. Lillian Heikkinen, Char Lytikainen, and Ilene Yanke took care of our table there.

Baking the last week of April were Betty Taipalus, Norm and Liz McCue, Char Lytikainen, Lillian Heikkinen, Dagnie Carlson, Gary Prevo, and Ilene Yanke. All of this Pulla/Nisu sold that day, or at the Finnish-American Singers' Spring Concert where there was a good crowd. All proceeds benefited the FCA. We

FCA SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

FCA Honors Nine Outstanding High School Scholars

One of the most important purposes of the FCA, as expressed in the 1966 Articles of Incorporation, is "to promote the education of youth...and to grant scholarships...to deserving students." On Sunday, May 3, nine outstanding high school seniors were awarded \$500 scholarships to help further their college and university educations. Families and friends celebrated the accomplishments of: Kathleen Teresa Carlson, Scott P. Hella, Rachel Ann Lowrence, Matthew Scott Lytikainen, Nathan Matheny, Anna M. Pietila, Kristina Rikkonen, Sarah Shaheen, and Michelle B. Vanhala. The students demonstrated dedication to their studies, service to their schools and communities, and personal characteristics such as high ethical standards, compassion, leadership skills, and being hard workers. Students must have a grandparent, parent, or guardian who is a member of the FCA, or they themselves must be a member.

Guests were treated to a piano solo by Rachel Ann Lowrence, and six hands on the piano with Rachel and her two brothers; families took lots of pictures; and much happy conversation took place as people enjoyed goodies from the coffee table.

You can see Glenn Kujansuu's photos at his website link: www.drysteam.smugmug.com/events click on FCA.

The FCA has been able to provide these scholarships due to the generosity of FCA members. The Scholarship Committee sincerely thanks those who have donated over the years. We also thank all the volunteers who cooperated in making this year's Scholarship Reception a wonderful celebration of our young peoples' accomplishments.

Louise Hartung, Scholarship Committee Chair

missed our Secretary, Edith Raski, who was in rehab following surgery for a fractured hip. Our best wishes to Edith and to her sister, Ruth Kaarlela, who've baked with us so many times.

We'll take a break from baking for the summer, and resume again in September. Thank you very much, customers.

FINLAND TODAY

First, as expected, Finnish exports and imports are down from last year's figures. The latest figures are from February. The value of exports was down 36% this February as compared to February 2008. Imports were down by 31%. The good news is that the balance of trade is still on the plus side.

The biggest down-turn in exports was in the metals industry which was down by 60%.

Germany has remained Finland's largest trading partner, followed by Russia and Sweden.

Unemployment in Finland is about the average of the European Union countries, at about 6.8%. The highest being in Spain with 15% and the lowest in Holland at 3%.

Finland is replacing its Russian built anti aircraft missile system with a Norwegian system. The current Russian system is relatively new; Finland acquired it three years ago.

Both systems have about the same range, 30 km, but the Norwegian system is more accurate. The Russian SA-11 missiles weigh about 1500 lbs, while the Norwegian AM-RAAM weighs only 350 lbs each.

The Finns are also suspicious about the Russian SA-11, that they can be disabled by the Russians, a secret that they are not sharing with the Finns.

Here's something that we all have sort of known, but now a study in Finland seems to prove it.

The study in Finland among 146 girls and 134 boys showed that if the children got less than 7.7 hours of sleep a day, they had a higher attention-deficit/hyperactivity score.

According to Dr. Juulia Paavonen, "The findings suggest that maintaining adequate sleep schedules among children is likely to be important in preventing behavioral symptoms." In other words, get at least 8 hours of sleep a night.

According to a British study, Finland is the 5th best place in Europe to raise a child. Heading the list was Holland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Denmark in 6th place. The study had Britain in 24th place.

In Finland, the current "TV tax" is being replaced by the "media tax". Right now, if you have a TV, you have to pay 200 Euro (\$264) a year. The media tax will have a larger pool of people; therefore the amount you pay will be less, 175 Euro or \$234 a year.

One of the best restaurants in the world is in Finland? On the World's 50 Best Restaurants list is the Chez Dominique

located in Helsinki. The Chez Dominique is listed at 21st place. www.chezdominique.fi

The top restaurant in the world according to the list is the El Bulli, in Spain, number two is the Fat Duck in Britain, number three is the Noma in Denmark. The only other restaurant from the Nordic countries on the list was the Mathias Dahlgren in Sweden, in 50th place.

The best cocktail lounge in the world? It is the A21 cocktail lounge in Helsinki, according to the WorldsBestBar website. According to the site, "The place is seriously stylish, the interior is incredibly elegant and attractive. The staff is friendly, and the atmosphere is exclusive without being stuffy." www.worldsbestbar.com

And finally, Toivo and Heikki had really 'packed on the pounds' by over-eating during the Christmas and New year's holidays, so they went to see their doctor about a diet.

Doctor: "I want you to eat regularly for two days, than skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you'se guys, you should have lost about 5 pounds. When Toivo and Heikki returned, they shocked their doctor by having lost about 25 pounds.

Doctor: "Holy wah, that's positively amazing. Did you follow my instructions?"

Toivo and Heikki: "Jaa, we did, but we want to tell you though, we thought we were gonna drop dead on the 3rd day."

Doctor: "You mean from the hunger?"

Toivo and Heikki: "No, just from all that skipping."

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

ATTENTION:

All Finn Weavers, Puppeteers, Stamp Collectors, Carpentry Crafts, Beaters, and all other crafters

Please come to a meeting at the FCA at 10:00 am Saturday, May 16th to discuss using you talents to help the FCA. We will plan on meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Come and bring your ideas and suggestions. The FCA needs help form the membership.

Kiitos, Ruth Mannisto

GIFT SHOP

**Needs
volunteer
salespeople.**

Please call
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FINN FACTS



Sent me your Finn facts. They can be from Finland or from America, but must be about Finnish people and their ways.

Sent then to:
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Attn: Glenn - Finn Facts.

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Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:

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248-921-7561**

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Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Summer is just around the corner now. We can begin planning our activities for the new season,

The FASM Spring Concert "Americana" was enjoyed by all who attended on Sunday, April 26th. It was professionally videotaped by Bob Tubek. A delicious luncheon was prepared and served by Dagnie Carlson and Lillian Heikkinen. Former Singer Fritz Putkela baked and brought two tasty Pannu Kakkus (Finnish oven pancakes) for the coffee table. American and Finnish Flag Pins were available for sale. Nisu/ pulla and Prune Tarts were also available for sale after the Concert. Thanks to everyone who attended our Concert.

The Singers enjoyed a delicious Potluck Meal and held an Election for their Officers on the day following the Concert

Prior to our Concert, the Singers were interviewed by a Reporter from the Detroit Free Press and pictures were taken. The Story appeared in the paper on Saturday, April 25th.

As a Fund Raiser for the Chorus, many singers participated in the Flag Pin making project at the home of the Kimlers.

A successful Pasty Sale was held on May 2nd. Many Singers helped to peel potatoes, bake, wrap and sell the Pasties.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

GARDEN CLUB

The Finlandia Garden Club of the Finnish Cultural Center invites you to our annual open house on June 28, 2009 at 1 P.M. In addition to food and conversation, we will present a multimedia presentation of Dale Chihuly's Phoenix Glass Show. This display, held in the Desert Botanical Gardens, is spectacular, and is presented by one of our garden club members. A tour of our gardens follows the program. A donation of \$3.00 will be requested at the door [or a dish to pass] to help with the upkeep of our gardens which again this year has no budget.

Stonework is proceeding around the pergola and polymeric sand has been added to the pavers in preparation of the upcoming wedding season. Discussions are still ongoing regarding adding electricity but the \$1300 cost at this time is prohibitive based on the Garden Club budget without a separate discretionary account for this purpose.

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MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Deadline is the last day of every month.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, **please call the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the last day of the month.

Donations to the Memorial Fund since the last newsletter are as follows:

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There will be no report this month.

FCA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INTERVIEW

Our fourth interview is with Megan Hella, granddaughter of FCA member Ronald Hella. She is completing her freshman year at Central Michigan University, in Mount Pleasant, and plans to graduate in May, 2013, after completing a five-year program. Megan is majoring in Special Education at the elementary level, minoring in childhood development, and hopes to earn a masters degree in autism.

Q: What have been your favorite classes, and why were they important to you? A: My favorite classes so far have been my psychological testing class and my introduction to special education. My intro class I loved because I had an amazing professor who really made the class challenging but fun, plus because I am so interested in the subject I was always ready to hear what she had to say. My psychological testing class I love because I have learned how to analyze tests and it really started to interest me. The class itself is very challenging, and I am the youngest person in it, but I have learned what the best ways to test people with disabilities are and I feel as if that will really benefit my career in the future.

Q: What activities do you participate in, either in the university or in the community? A: Second semester I did start to get very involved with my school. I started attending hall council meetings and now I am the current athletic director of my hall. With this position, I meet with people in the hall and we form teams and we play intramural sports for the university. I also joined the club water polo team here. We just finished our first season ever, and overall we were pretty successful. The last day of the season I was elected to be secretary for the team for the fall 2009 season.

Q: What work do you do, including paid and volunteer? I just got a job that I will be starting fall semester 2009 when we come back from our vacation. I will be working at the front desk of my residence hall. Outside of school I attend Muscular Dystrophy Camp, where I work with people ages 6- 17 who have muscular dystrophy. I also attend V.A. D. (Volunteers Assisting the Disabled) Camp where I work with adults ages 18 and up who have muscular dystrophy. During the summer I will be a nanny like I have been doing the last few summers for 30 hours a week. I will be working at a women's clothing store called the Avenue, as well as going to school.

Q: Do you have a mentor who helps/has helped you? A: I have my parents who are helping me with school. They are paying for my education. Other than that I think a lot of this I am doing on my own. I am a pretty motivated person and if I want something bad enough I'll do what I can to get it, so I have had the support of my friends and family but there isn't one person who sticks out as being the most helpful, but my parents and my brothers have been there the most to support me.

Q: Would you describe one highlight of your university experience? A: I think the highlight of my experience so far has been living on my own. I have always been someone who wanted to be on their own but needed the financial support of my parents and I think that moving away from home has really helped me figure out what I actually want, not what my parents want for me. I finally feel as if I get to make all of the decisions and that freedom is really nice. I take responsibility for my own actions and I am learning from my own mistakes which I don't think my parents ever let me do. They tried to help me or fix things before I messed up and I think that everyone needs to learn how to fix things themselves which has been a good learning experience for me.

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GOING PLACES

TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

FOR BORDER CROSSING: You must have two pieces of valid ID - EITHER a passport (current or expired) OR a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) OR a Certificate of Citizenship. AND YOU MUST ALSO have a valid driver's license or government ID card with photo.

"Blue Champagne" at the Huron Country Playhouse in Ontario - 1 day, Thursday, June 25, \$99. Lunch will be at Oakwood Inn. Pick-up is from Narden Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Road. Be there at 8:15 am for an 8:30

departure. Return about 7:45 pm.

Portofino Luncheon Cruise - 1 day, Thursday, July 16, \$60. Lunch will be at the Portofino Restaurant in Wyandotte, followed by a 2 hour cruise on the Detroit River. Also included is a tour of the Bella Vino Winery with wine sampling, and time for some shopping in downtown Wyandotte. Be at FCA 9:45 for a 10 am departure. Return about 6:45 pm.

Point Edward featuring Westview Orchards in Romeo - 1 day, Tuesday, August 25, \$31. We will have a tour of the orchards and you can pick yourself some peaches. On our return we will be served cider and a peach donut. At the casino \$15 in slot play is included. Be at FCA 8 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:15 pm.

IMPORTANT: Beginning June 1, you will need a passport or a passportcard. Call me if you have any questions. Pearl Wanttaja 248-541-0054

JON US FOR JUHANNUS (MIDSUMMER'S DAY) CELEBRATION -FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

Friday night, June 19th, we'll celebrate Juhannus, or Midsummer's Day, here at the FCA. We'll begin with a buffet of traditional Finnish Juhannus foods to be served in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a vodka punch, maybe a cheese, barbecued chicken and makkara, potatoes, vegetable salads, bread and butter, and a strawberry dessert. When you call the FCA to reserve, they can tell you the cost. Please call by June 17th.

David Sharpe and Norm McCue have been working with Ruth Mannisto to restore our Maypole. We'll circle the Maypole in the traditional manner.

Soittoniekat happily responded to come and play. They'll accompany Finnish-American singers who also want to participate in singing Finnish songs, and American sing-along songs.

Frank Gottberg obtained a permit from the City of Farmington for a kokko, or bonfire, to further celebrate Juhannus. He and David have selected the site. Please bring folding lawn chairs for the outdoor portions of our celebration.

We aren't able to sauna, swim, or go boating as in Finland for Juhannus, but we can get together for the above listed activities to socialize and have a good time with our FCA and other friends. We plan to advertise in our community to bring families in to learn about Juhannus.

Let's have a great turn-out at Juhannus!

kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Next to Christmas, Juhannus, or Midsummer Day, is the biggest holiday in Finland. The name "Juhannus" is derived from St. John, the Baptist, whose name day falls on June 24 in the Finnish "Name Day" calendar. Because of the proximity to June 21, the summer solstice, it has become a celebration of summer. In northern Finland this is the time of the midnight sun.

Midsummer day was originally celebrated on June 24. However, now most holidays have been moved to the nearest Saturday; this year Midsummer Day will be celebrated on June 20. The bulk of Juhannus celebration is on the eve of the actual day.

Preparation for the Juhannus celebration was a time-consuming project in the olden days. Walls, floors, dishes, everything was cleaned, scrubbed and dusted; clean curtains were hung at the windows. Now, since so many women work outside the home, and a large number of people spend the holiday at their cottage ("mökki"), this practice is no longer as thorough.

Since Juhannus is a celebration of summer, leaves and flowers are used profusely for decoration. Cut birch trees are used as decoration on each side of the outside door. Home interiors will have vases of birch, lilac, as well as whatever wildflowers are available. Even boats, buses and railroad cars will be decked with flowers or birch branches. The flag is an important item of decoration. Since Juhannus is also flag day, the flag will fly overnight until Juhannus evening.

A custom that originated with the Swedish-speaking population is the "Juhannussalko" (translated as "Maypole" although it is used in June!) These can be seen especially in the Aland Islands, in Turku and in Helsinki, usually on the Esplanade and on Seurasaaari.

Merely cleaning and beautifying the surroundings does not suffice; one is to be clean oneself. This is of course accomplished in the sauna, especially if one is spending the holiday at the "mökki". City dwellers also will take advantage of the sauna if it is available at the time. Guests will often be invited to the "mökki" for a sauna.

Some cooking and baking is included in the holiday preparation. The Juhannus evening meal, more festive than usual, may precede or follow the sauna. Traditional foods are often served, depending upon the area one lives in; new potatoes, if available, are a must.

The "kokko" or bonfire is the climax of the Juhannus Eve celebration. Great care is taken to prepare a huge pyre; if someone donates two or three wooden rowboats to the cause, all the better. Prior to the lighting of the fire there may be program and folksinging; later there will be dancing. Most towns arrange outdoor dances, with music for young as well as old. If there is folkdancing, it will be exhibition dancing; the public will participate in the modern dances.

On Juhannus day itself, many will sleep late, having stayed up late the previous night. Services are available in local churches for those wishing to attend, although attendance is light. All businesses are closed.

Superstitions have played a big part in the Juhannus celebration since time immemorial. Many superstitions pertain to young girls' future husbands. If one looks in a mirror at midnight, one might catch a glimpse of one's future husband! Or if a girl gathers seven different kinds of wildflowers and sleeps with them under her pillow, she might dream about her future husband!

Juhannus Eve or day is the most favored time for weddings in Finland today. The bride will often wear a wreath of flowers in her hair (possibly daisies and bachelor buttons, displaying Finland's colors of white and blue); later the couple will participate in the town's festivities.

If you are fortunate enough to be in Finland for Juhannus, do participate in the activities of this special day! But don't plan on going shopping, for nothing is open. Even open restaurants are difficult to find.

More about Juhannus and other special days in Finland can be found in FINNISH FOLK YEAR, by Anneke Lipsanen and in some of our travel books about Finland.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

P.S. Steve Lehto's latest book, MICHIGAN'S COLUMBUS, THE LIFE OF DOUGLASS HOUGHTON, is now on the shelf, ready to be checked out.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop also sells craft items, kanteles, song books and collector stamps.

The volunteers are here Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Stop in and keep us busy with your shopping.

Get your St. Urho cards, books and tee shirts. Gift certificates are always available.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays

10 am - 4 pm Wednesdays

11 am - 3 pm Saturdays

Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.

NEW CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FINNISH FOOD

Finland has recently started an initiative to promote Finnish food. Traditional Finnish food is known to be clean, uncomplicated and of the highest quality.

The health benefits are well known. In fact, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting research with Finland to study weight management solutions based on healthy Finnish foods.

Typical dishes consist of fish, hearty stews, rye bread, root vegetables, berries, wild mushrooms, and dairy products.

Please take the time to visit the following web sites for more information, as well as numerous Finnish recipes:

<http://www.foodfromfinland.com/>

<http://www.ruokatieto.fi/tasteoffinland>

<http://nynordiskmad.org>

Mmmmmmm- I can taste the pirrakkass!

Article submitted by

Paul N. Potti, Honorary Consul, Finland.

Poker Anyone?

Play Texas Hold'Em
Double Exposure
Black Jack
and other card games

Charity Card playing event for three days

from 4:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

June 12h, 13th and 14th At the
Garden City Bowling Center

29145 Warren Rd.

(Just East of Middlebelt) Garden City, Mi

**Proceeds for the Finnish Center Association
General Fund.**

FINNISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The FAHS invites all friends interested in the history of Finland and of Finns and Finnish Americans in Michigan, to join the Finnish American Historical Society. Our annual meeting will take place at the Finnish Center on Saturday, May 30, at 2:00 P.M. On the agenda will be the planning for two up-coming programs: a presentation by Steve Lehto about his newly-published book Michigan's Columbus, the Life of Douglass Houghton, on Saturday, June 13; and the Independence Day program in December, for which we have received a grant from Finlandia Foundation National to possibly put on a Finland-style Independence Day ball, have a cocktail party, and invite a speaker to do a presentation. Come and join us with your good ideas! A coffee table with light refreshments will be provided.

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fee breaks.

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Regards,
Gayle Gullen
Garden Club Chairperson

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